

City of Wheatland

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CITY COUNCIL MEETING STAFF REPORT

Date: July 13, 2010

Agenda Item:

Subject: Sales Tax Ordinance

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Recommendation: Council waive the reading and introduce the attached ordinance for first reading which levy's a one-half cent transaction and use tax in Wheatland upon a positive vote of the people.

<u>Discussion:</u> The Council adopted Resolution No. 09-10 at the last meeting that placed the proposed ½ cent sales tax measure on the November ballot. Attached for Council consideration is the actual ordinance which when adopted only becomes effective after a positive vote of the Wheatland voters (see Section 3.34.020 [b]). The ordinance has been prepared by the City Attorney's office and has been reviewed and approved by staff from the State Board of Equalization.

According to the City Attorney, passage of this ordinance requires at least a 2/3 vote of the City Council.

Alternatives: The Council could reject the ordinance or request modifications as long as they are ultimately acceptable with the State Board of Equalization.

Fiscal Impact: There is no fiscal impact of this action. Passage of the ballot measure implements the ½ cent sales tax authorized by this ordinance.